



Bases Loaded

It's a battle for 2nd as Thunder beat Lions

THUNDER took a leaf out of an infamous Minnesota dentist's book by killing off the Lions' slim title hopes, responding to a 4-0 1st-inning deficit with an 18-1 blast

over the next three innings, holding off a mini-revival to win 20-12. The loss puts Lions three games behind the Greensox, who beat the Dodgers 17-4, with only four games left.

eying for position as the Bullfrogs completed their second rotation with a 13-10 defeat to Lightning, a result which saw Speeders and Lightning swop places either side of the cut-off line, despite the 3-basers' defeat of Outlaws II. The two teams are tied on head-to-heads, with one win each, by the same margin. So Lightning have the edge with fewer runs con-

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The jammies' loss confirms their place in the bottom four for the final half-rotation, along with Mayhem and Meerkats, who lost to the Mavericks and Outlaws respectively.

Both of these teams, battling it out for the final top-four slot, have tricky fixtures this week, with the steers holding the advantage of a head-to-head lead over the bandits.

IN Division 2 there was some late jock-

This week's games at a glance

Division 1

LIO @ OUT (2, TLF)
MAV @ THU (6, BMcG)
MHM @ GRX (7, JF)
MKT @ DOD (3, AG)

Division 2

LIG @ MUT (5, IW)
OU2 @ TIG (9, HS)
SPE @ CAM (4, MD)

Division 3 (game 1)

CM2 @ STO (9, JF)
ENF @ MM2 (7, PN)
HUR @ BAT (6, TS)
PIR @ SHA (8, LA)

Division 3 (game 2)

BAT @ ENF (6, TS)
MM2 @ CM2 (7, PN)
PIR @ HUR (8, LA)
SHA @ STO (9, JF)

Division 4 (game 1)

BFL @ FRZ (3, AR)
FAL @ DRZ (4, AG)
HAC @ WCT (1, BA)
MK2 @ COL (2, MG)
PHX @ MV2 (5, IC)

Division 4 (game 2)

COL @ PHX (5, IC)
FAL @ MV2 (4, AG)
FRZ @ DRZ (3, AR)
HAC @ MK2 (2, MG)
WCT @ BFL (1, BA)

From the League Head

GREETINGS all,
Well our biggest weekend of the summer is in the books. The Manchester Tournament has come and gone and it was an interesting weekend for those of us who were there.

After Saturday which featured many heavy showers which have done quite a lot of damage to the pitches, Sunday brought glorious sunshine and good times for all. A huge thankyou

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Last week's washout

“We have been talking to Parris Wood today and have taken the decision to cancel tonight's games” was how last week's call-off of Tuesday games was announced, in an email sent by the League Head to all contacts. Dave Dean went on to explain “It was a real 50/50 call but the winning thought was that playing tonight could do huge damage to the

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Phoenix close in on Hackers

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ceded overall (a comfortable 45 runs). Both have potentially tough final games, against the division's top two teams. Meanwhile the **Camels** beat the league-leading **Mutineers** with a thrilling finish: trailing 9-3 going into the last inning, the Camels batted round to score nine, giving them a 3-run lead which they successfully defended, allowing just one run to chalk up an unexpected 12-10 win. The result doesn't do much to change qualification for the third rotation, but might be significant in determining promotion to Division 1 at the end of the season.

From the League Head

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needs to go to Ian Caird who did a fantastic job planning and running the tournament. We even had some success with a few MSL teams taking home some silverware.

There was one slightly unsavoury incident however in which a team was ejected from one game. Thankfully it wasn't one of our teams but it was similar to a recent incident we have had which resulted in a player being suspended after the complaints procedure in the Handbook was followed. These events are incredibly rare but serve as a reminder to all of us to respect officials and opponents at all times. We all have much more fun that way.

Hopefully the rain will stay away this week and we can catch up on our Tuesday night games. There might be a need to move some of the pitches slightly and the umpires will help out with that. Good Luck.

Dave Dean

Last week's washout

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batting boxes ahead of the tournament this weekend, which in turn would mean they would be horrible for the rest of the season." Groundsman Dave Letven warned of the possibility of possibility of damage especially to the batting boxes, some of which had had top soil put in the same day, in preparation for the tournament the following weekend. It was the prospect of playing in wet conditions on the Tuesday closely followed by tournament use, also possibly in the wet, that drove the decision to cancel, even though it does create an issue with when to play the postponed games.

A hurriedly convened Exec meet-

Transfer

Lubomir Durisin Mavericks II to Mavericks, July 29th.

Birthdays

Monday Annie Fallon (Colt 45s)

Tuesday Wendell Jones (Mavericks), Paula Watson (Mavericks)

Wednesday Lee Bennett (Lions)

Thursday Kath Hughes (Bats), Darel MacDonald (Camels)

Friday Ross Birch (Storm), James Palombella (Phoenix), Amy Singleton (Lightning)

Saturday Carolyn Barratt (Lightning), Jeremy Dennett (Dodgers)

Sunday Gemma Glynn (Freeze)

ing on Wednesday decided that the best way forward was to schedule double headers for this week, weather permitting. With sunset at 9pm exactly this Tuesday, two one-hour games could be played, as long as the weather was not too overcast. If that is the case, a decision will be transmitted to umpires in time for the start of the first game; but as long as it is likely to stay bright, two one-hour games will be played under normal MSL double header rules.

Corrections

The home run lists for the single sex should have shown **Sherry Kenyon** (Outlaws) with 2 rather than just 1 homer to her credit in the Women's League, and omitted **Chris Fulton's** 2 homers for men

Residents complain about Parrswood car parking

League Head Dave Dean has been approached by residents of Glenmere Road and neighbouring streets regarding car parking on Tuesdays. They are reportedly unhappy that softball players are taking up all the on-street parking. One resident commented "It's a housing estate, not a car park." In reply one player commented that these are public roads: "We all pay our road tax. As long as we are not blocking anyone's driveway we are not doing anything wrong." Suggestions for alternative parking places include the school, the entertainment complex or even the pub car park we go to afterwards. It's a perennial problem. Rather like our unwanted visitors a few years ago, since measures were taken to prevent us parking on the main road, we have simply had to go elsewhere.

Dodgers win 20th Manchester Tournney

JAMMY Dodgers won the main event at the Manchester tournament for the first time in 13 years, while a Thunder/Outlaws mixed team also won the Silver cup. In fact, all but one of the six finals featured MSL teams.

The tournament, our milestone 20th since we first took the plunge with a one-day competition on August 20th 1996, won by the Birmingham Jesters, was typical at least concerning the weather, with driving rain the predominant feature of the Saturday afternoon, obliterating the batting boxes and causing all the pitches to be moved, while Sunday was bright and sunny.

The **Dodgers** were “on fire” all weekend, and beat the Hairy Coos from Scotland in a one-sided final that ended after 5 innings with a run-ahead rule win. (Full story on page 4). The Gold Plate was a game too far for Manches-

ter’s **Meerkats**, who lost to the perennial Yorkshire Terriers.

The Silver Cup was also a war of the roses, with **Hot Rude Walnuts** (an anagram of Thunder/Outlaws) comfortably overcoming Leeds Lightning, while the Silver plate was a mysteriously Manchester-free zone, so of no real interest.

In the Bronze Cup, MSL interest was represented by our Sefton siblings, but the **Sharks** could not overcome the Cougars, a strong team from Nottingham, who should perhaps (like the Sharks in all fairness) have been playing in Silver. But to compensate, the Bronze Plate was an all-Manchester affair as the **Bats** (with a sprinkling of Speeder guests) beat the Tigers.

Full results

Gold Cup: Dodgers beat Hairy Coos 20-3 (RAR). MVPs An-

thony Garcia, NJ Dyson (both Dodgers)

Gold Plate: Terriers beat Meerkats 18-10. MVPs Rachael Campbell-Cook (Meerkats), “JB” (Terriers)

Silver Cup: Hot Rude Walnuts beat Leeds Lightning 22-7 (RAR). MVPs Rolf Herbert, Sherry Kenyon (both HRW)

Silver Plate: Dohnuts beat Base Invaders. MVPs Gabriel (BI), Sarah Ansley (Dohnuts)

Bronze Cup: Cougars beat Sharks 16-8. MVPs Lily Chin, Paul Cooper (both Cougars)

Bronze Plate: Bats beat Tigers 20-2 (RAR). MVPs Beryl Lannin-Jones, Jerry Seabridge (both Bats)

The Tournament was as usual smoothly and efficiently organized, this year by Ian Caird, to whom we owe a massive vote of thanks.



The winning team: top row L to R: Amy Tanner, Jocelyn Horton, Ali Marrs, Jane Curley, NJ Dyson, Nic Duerden; bottom: Jez Dennett, Simon Hepburn, Anthony Garcia, Kelvin Harrison, David Dyson, Enita Okodiko. Photo Jan Bradley

Jammy Dodgers tourney win—the inside story

THE Jammy Dodgers had a slow start to the weekend with a low-scoring game against the eventual round robin winners the Hairy Coos, losing 5-7. The next game the hits started to be consistent and thereafter we won every game:

Greensox 4 Dodgers 17

Thunder 6 Dodgers 8

Lions 5 Dodgers 10

Dodgers 11 Maverick 8 - one of the best games of the weekend with great hitting and defensive plays

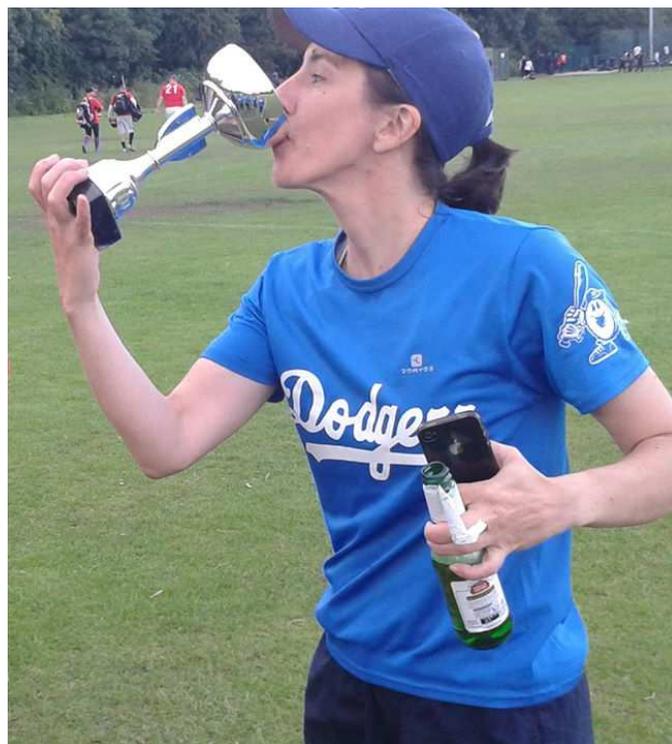
Leeds Terriers 6 Dodgers 9. Terriers scored 7 but then ran out of time to get the Dodgers out so it rolled back

Dodgers 15 Meerkats 1

An all-Manchester semifinal saw a rematch of the previous day's game against the Greensox. The Dodgers went ahead 9-0 with solid base hitting before the Sox came back in the bottom of the third, including a big home run by Romman, to score 5. However, two shut outs gave the Dodgers a 14-5 win and their first Manchester Tournament Gold final since 2002 (when they lost to the Clan, at a time that—as older readers will know—regularly came down from Scotland to steal our trophies).

The final was against the undefeated Hairy Coos who started the game by scoring 2 runs. Dodgers took control scoring 11 through some great base hitting including a double and a triple base hit by Nic Duerden and an enormous home run by Kelvin Harrison, who brought in 3 runs and came home twice in his 2 at bats. The Jammie ones were then solid in defence allowing only 1 more run in the next 4 innings. Stand out plays included an out at 1st after a great stop at 3rd by Nicola-Jane Dyson and a double by Anthony Garcia Reyes, these two players being rewarded with MVP nominations for the game. The Dodgers carried on scoring and won by the mercy rule after 4½ innings. The whole weekend was a real team effort with everyone batting and/or fielding well at crucial moments.

HAIRY COOS	2	0	1	0	0	3
JAMMY DODGERS	11	4	3	2	x	20



Captain Ali enjoys the spoils of victory. , Photo David Dyson

Thank you from Nepal

We would like to say a big thank you to all the players who played on the football cards and/or donated money during the tournament this weekend for the the Secret Garden Disaster Relief Fund. Over this weekend we raised an amazing £146.03 which is well above my expectations.



This money will now be sent directly to the Project and will be spent directly on the project's activities. I spoke to Beth Werakso who started the Secret Garden Relief Project and who was at the tournament herself on Sunday as she is on a visit back home and she was overwhelmed by the fundraising and shared her thanks to everybody too.

If you want to donate to this worthwhile project you can do so by donating at www.secretgardendisasterrelief.org/donate/ or if you see me around in the next two weeks before I go, I can take donations and send it to them.

Thankyou once again.

Angela Killion

Double headers

AFTER last week's cancellation of games in Divisions 3 and 4 left a fixture pile-up nightmare, the decision has been made to go ahead with playing double header games this week. Normally, when we resort to double headers it is at the height of summer, when we can be reasonably sure of good light until 10 or 10.30, so the first game is usually allotted 75 minutes or more, while the second game does not need to be timed. Typically, two full (seven-inning) games can be played.

At this time of year, with sunset at 9pm, this is clearly not going to be the case. But the alternative of having teams arrange games bilaterally on another night is too risky and complex. So, double headers it is. It will be tight but it should just be possible to get two one-hour games in. After all, that is what we do at tournaments all summer! Umpires have been instructed to call "no new inning" between 45 and 50 minutes to make sure teams can move around in time for the second

game, and players have been asked not to pressure them to call early or continue late. It is also imperative that teams hustle in and hustle out in between innings, that batters are ready to step up to the plate, and generally all measures to speed up the game should be taken.

Regarding calling time when it gets dark, ultimately, player safety is the main concern. Because of the slightly unusual circumstances tied games or games of less than 5 innings will be considered legal games for the sake of ensuring the round robins are completed.

Everyone agrees it is not entirely satisfactory, but it is to be hoped that captains appreciate the difficulty of the situation and accept that the executive believes this is the best way to go forward.

Jeremy Fothergill, Umpire-in-Chief

50 up for Andy?

If he plays in both of the Mavericks II's games this week, **Andy Gardner** (pictured) will notch up his 50th consecutive appearance.

As we reported at the start of the season, the record for consecutive starts is held by Mayhem's Anthony Garcia Reyes, who played in every game, also for Mayhem, from their league debut in April 2011 until injury forced him to miss his first game in Week 4 of this season: that's a hefty 75-game streak that will take some matching.

But Andy is two-thirds of the way there. He started his streak with Mayhem II (what is it about the Mosseley crew?) playing in every game in 2013 and 2014 (a total of 37 games), and since joining Mavs II has played all 11 games so far. In fact, Andy has already reached the 50 mark if we note that in the Mavs II rest week (Week 6), Andy guested for Pirates on the Tuesday and Mavs I on the Wednesday, though these appearances don't "count" towards the official record.

Keep up the good work, Andy!



Fantasy softball—Weeks 12 & 13

THE playoffs have arrived... more on that in a bit, but first a quick recap of the last two weeks.

Scruffy's Blue Jays maintained their winning ways with a comfortable win over Joey's Giants in Week 12 and Captain Brody's Bunch 20–13 in the rain affected week 13. The Jays pulled out a 5-point lead in the head-to-head to finish on 32 points only having lost once all season.

At the other end of the table, things remained as they were.

So after all 91 head-to-head games the final league standings have Chris Newham and the Isotopes missing out on the playoffs and Scruffy's Blue Jays, Jawsome, Watt's Up, and The Rays gaining the bye week. The Jays finished 5 points

clear of the chasing pack.

Watt's Up were the big winners from the final two weeks of play, squeezing ahead of The Rays and the Designated Drinkers. The Drinkers have had to settle for 5th place and an extra game to reach the final. And the fight for a playoff place went to Rob Reckless with his Week 13 win over Sharks All Stars.

Playoff Round One – Week 14

Playoff Fantasy Softball is here and the top 12 teams have all been seeded based on their final league position. The seeds 1 to 4 have a bye week this week whilst seeds 5 to 12 playoff for a chance to take on the top four.

The competition as a whole is a simple knock-out.

So the Playoff games this week are as follows (seed numbering in brackets):

Designated Drinkers (5) v Rob Reckless (12)
Podnahs (6) v Shark's All Stars (11)
Joey's Giants (7) v Late Winner (10)
Sarah marks (8) v Captain Brody's Bunch (9)

Next week (Week 15) will see the highest seeded bye-week team paired against the lowest seeded winner from the first round of the playoffs, and so on down the list, as follows:

[1] Scruffy's Blue Jays (1) v lowest seeded winner from week 14
[2] Jawsome (2) v 2nd lowest seeded winner
[3] Watt's Up (3) v 3rd lowest seeded winner

WEEK 12 SCORES			
The Rays	46–15	Capt Brody's Bunch	
Scruffy's Blue Jays	47–24	Joey's Giants	
Jawsome	35–40	Watt's Up	
Designated Drinkers	45–41	Podnahs	
Sarah Marks	35–35	Isotopes	
Chris Newham	14–32	Shark's All Stars	
Rob Reckless	14–27	Late Winner	

WEEK 13 SCORES			
Scruffy's Blue Jays	20–13	Capt Brody's Bunch	
Jawsome	15–13	Joey's Giants	
Designated Drinkers	12–21	Watt's Up	
Sarah Marks	6–19	Podnahs	
Chris Newham	29–21	Isotopes	
Rob Reckless	12–6	Shark's All Stars	
The Rays	14–4	Late Winner	

HEAD-TO-HEAD FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	T	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Scruffy's Blue Jays	13	11	1	1	633	454	+179	34
2	Jawsome	13	9	0	4	530	403½	+126½	27
3	Watt's Up	13	9	0	4	484	413½	+70½	27
4	The Rays	13	9	0	4	511	472½	+38½	27
5	Designated Drinkers	13	8	0	5	603	448½	+154½	24
6	Podnahs	13	8	0	5	414	376	+380	24
7	Joey's Giants	13	7	0	6	448½	463½	-15	21
8	Sarah Marks	13	5	2	6	484½	485½	-1	17
9	Captain Brody's Bunch	13	5	0	8	397	436½	-39½	15
10	Late Winner	13	5	0	8	368	427½	-59½	15
11	Shark's All Stars	13	4	0	9	386½	407	-20½	12
12	Rob Reckless	13	4	0	9	271	436	-165	12
13	Istotopes	13	3	1	9	315½	429½	-114	10
14	Chris Newham	13	2	0	11	343	535½	-192½	6

[4] The Rays (4) v highest seeded winner

The semi-finals see the winners of games [1] and [4] play each other, and the winners of games [2] and [3].

Accumulation League

While the playoffs start in the head-to-head league, all teams will continue to gain points in the Accumulation league. After Week 13 the Jays have a lead of 30 points over the Designated Drinkers. With 4 weeks still to go, the fight is still on for the top 2 and the best of the rest. Credit to Ace of Jades whose impressive performance has seen them climb to 9th. After starting a week late, the Jades sit 17 points behind the Podnahs as they look to break into the top half.

Elsewhere it was as we were two weeks ago. Jaw-some lead the best of the rest by 19 points over the Rays and Rob Reckless sits 44½ points behind the Isotopes at the foot of the table. Interesting that Chris Newham, with only two wins in the head-to-

DREAM TEAM AFTER WEEK 13

Danny Gunn (Greensox, Div 1) Scruffy's Blue Jays	83
Jon Taylor (Storm, Div 3) Sarah Marks	79
Ross Birch (Storm, Div 3) Designated Drinkers	78
Andy Gardner (Mavs II, Div 4) Sarah Marks	78
Vicky Green (Greensox, Div 1) Scruffy's Blue Jays	77
Richard Sarver (Storm, Div 3) Lily's Legends	75
Jan Bradley (Mavs II, Div 4) Designated Drinkers	68
Kay Carter (Hackers, Div 4) Ace of Jades	68
Vic O'Farrell (Greensox, Div 1) Designated Drinkers	66
Gary Moors (Mutineers, Div 2) Designated Drinkers	66
Nancy Bennett (Outlaws, Div 1) Ace of Jades	63
Jo Gardiner (Mavs II, Div 4) Watt's Up	61

head is nevertheless 4th from bottom with 343 points accumulated. And similarly, Designated Drinkers are second on points scored, but 5th in the head-to-head standings, with five losses.

Player of the Week and Dream Team

The Player of the Week accolade for Week 12 was shared by Lubomir Durisin and Chris Gresty, both of Mavs 2, with 12 points thanks to a 32-1 defeat of the Falcons, in which they both scored 3 home runs.

Just missing out, with 11 Fantasy points were two Colt 45 players, Phil Cosgrove and John Kaye, as well as the Mutineers' Joe Grantham. Lubo has now transferred to the Mavericks, by the way: let's see how that affects his weekly scores!

Week 13 was of course much depleted by the postponement of Division 3 and 4 games, and the top ten scoring players were all from the Outlaws, who had a run-ahead rule win and scored 9 points. Leading those were Pete Buckley and Nancy Bennett, who added 2 and 1 points respectively to that total with home runs. Nancy creeps into the Dream Team this week, a refreshing new face to join the usual suspects.

Despite his absence on international duty in Bulgaria, Danny Gunn still leads the race for Fantasy Player of the Year, though second-place Jon Taylor of Storm is hot on his heels, just 4 points behind, with the prospect of "double prizes" this week. Why? Well, since Fantasy Managers lose points when games are postponed, they will presumably reap the benefit of double headers this week ... So let's look out for some bumper scores next week.

ACCUMULATION LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Chg	Team	Last week	This week	Tot Pts
1	-	Scruffy's Blue Jays	47	20	633
2	-	Designated Drinkers	45	12	603
3	-	Jawsome	35	15	530
4	-	The Rays	46	14	511
5	↓ 1	Sarah Marks	35	6	484½
6	-	Watt's Up	40	21	484
7	-	Joey's Giants	24	13	448½
8	↑ 1	Podnahs	41	19	414
9	↑ 2	Ace of Jades			397
10	↓ 2	Captain Brody's Bunch	15	13	397
11	↓ 1	Shark's All Stars	32	6	386½
12	-	Late Winner	27	4	368
13	-	Chris Newham	14	29	343
14	-	Lily's Legends			319
15	-	Isotopes	35	21	315½
16	-	Rob Reckless	14	12	271

THIS week we take up a question that was first discussed in the on-line forum version of this column, regarding use of the double “safety” base at 1st. We took the opportunity at the Tournament this weekend to clarify the matter with one of the UK’s top umpires, Chris Moon.

The original question was what to do when the batter-runner uses the white rather than orange part of the base when there is a play on 1st. In particular, the incident as described had the batter-runner stop on the white part of the base just as the throw came in. As a reminder the rule (2.4.1) says ...

If a play is made at first base on any batted ball [...] and the batter-runner touches only the fair portion, and if the defense appeals prior to the batter-runner returning to the fair portion of first base, the batter-runner is out. NOTE: This is treated the same as missing the base.

The problem with this rule is that it assumes the batter-runner has run *through* the white part of the base. But in our scenario they have stopped on the base.

Chris Moon confirmed that there is no issue of a missed base, as the runner is stood on the base. Therefore the only possible “out” is for interference, which would certainly be the case if the runner prevented the 1st-baseman from making the catch, or even made it awkward for them, or caused the fielder making the throw to hesitate. This is an out that the umpire can give without waiting for an appeal.

Now back to the forum discussion. It was pointed out that the double bases are there for players’ safety, to help avoid collisions. Therefore we should encourage batter-runners always to use the orange part of the base, unless of course there is no play at 1st, in which case they can use either part of the base (rule 2.4.1.e). So, as a matter of MSL policy,

we could, if we wished, instruct umpires to call batter-runners out (for interference) whenever they use the white part of the base only, as long as there is a play on 1st. It remains a matter for the umpire’s judgment

whether there has been “a play at 1st base”, but there is a powerful argument that giving runners out—even rookies—for this “offence” is a good way to teach them the safe way to play.

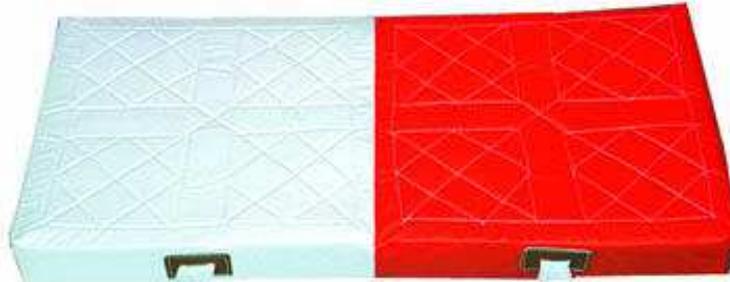
As a footnote, equally, umpires should call “safe” if fielders use the orange part of the bag (apart of course

from the permitted use, when fielding a ball coming in from the foul side).

Ask the umpire

And now, a rules question for you. This is a fairly common situation, so not one of those weird “what if” trick questions. There is a runner (R1) on 1st with less than two outs. The batter hits a skier into the outfield and R1 sets off for 2nd thinking the ball is going to drop. He makes it to 2nd, but the ball is caught, so R1 now realises he must get back to 1st to tag up. The fielders see an opportunity for an out here, and throw it to 1st, but the ball is thrown dead. The umpire calls “dead ball”, so R1 turns round and, knowing it’s a 2-base award, heads for home via 2nd and 3rd. What could, or should, happen next?

Answer next week.



Preview: This week's games

Games in Divisions 1 and 2 are the reverse fixtures from Week 7, 3rd June.

Division 1

Lions at Outlaws (2, TLF) Outlaws won 18-16 in 8 innings, but Lions lead 8½-5½.

Mavericks at Thunder (6, BMcG) Mavs won 12-11, and lead 9-4.

Mayhem at Greensox (7, JF) Greensox won 21-1 in 4 innings, their third win in three.

Meerkats at Dodgers (3, AG) Dodgers won this first-ever meeting 19-6.

Division 2

Lightning at Mutineers (5, IW) Lightning won 10-8 to take a 7-6 lead in the all-time series.

Outlaws II at Tigers (9, HS) Tigers won 22-12 to square the series at 2-2.

Speeders at Camels (4, MD) Camels won 15-2 to extend their lead to 6-4.

Division 3 (game 1)

These games are the return fixtures for games originally scheduled 2nd June, played on 30th June.

Camels II at Storm (9, JF) Storm won 22-6, their 6th win in 9 meetings.

Enforcers at Mayhem II (7, PN) Enforcers won 23-14, their fourth win in four.

Hurricanes at Bats (6, TS) Bats won 29-11 in their first ever meeting.

Pirates at Sharks (8, LA) Sharks won 19-17 in their first ever meeting.

Division 3 (game 2)

These are the games postponed last week, return match-ups from the games played May 26th.

Bats at Enforcers (6, TS) Enforcers won 23-31 in another high-scoring game, their first ever meeting.

Mayhem II at Camels II (7, PN) Camels won 19-8 to extend their lead to 4½-2½.

Pirates at Hurricanes (8, LA) Hurricanes won a tight game 19-18, their first and so far only win of the season against a team they have never lost to in 6 meetings.

Sharks at Storm (9, JF) Storm won 18-7 in their first ever meeting, that victory being the only thing that separates these two at the top of the Division 3 table.

Division 4 (game 1)

Games in Divisions 4 were also originally scheduled for 2nd June, but postponed to August 25th. So this week's match-ups are the first of the season.

Barflies at Freeze (3, AR) Last meeting 19 August 2014, Barflies won 24-3 (5 inns), their third win in three.

Falcons at Drizzle (4, AG) First ever meeting.

Hackers at Wildcats (1, BA) Last meeting 19 August 2014 (Div 3), Wildcats won 20-10 (6 inns, bad light), to make it 2 wins each.

Moorkats at Colt 45s (2, MG) Last meeting 5 August 2014, Moorkats won 18-3 to make it 4 out of 4.

Phoenix at Mavericks II (5, IC) First ever meeting.

Division 4 (game 2)

The games postponed last week, returns of the May 26th fixtures.

Colt 45s at Phoenix (5, IC) Phoenix

Last week's MVPs

Bullfrogs	Jen Faloona, Steve Kellett
Camels	Leanne Cracknell, James Wooderson
Dodgers	Nicola Duerden, David Dyson
Enforcers	Sian Davies, Greg Howard
Greensox	Victoria O'Farrell, <i>Ross Birch</i> (STO)
Lightning	Alexa Martinez, Steve Bennett
Lions	Michelle Collier, Chris Fulton
Mavericks	<i>Jo Gardner</i> (MV2), Pete Nightingale
Mayhem	Lucy Shattock, Shawn Khwaja
Meerkats	Sonia Hine, Sam Steele
Mutineers	Melany Wright, Joe Grantham
Outlaws	Nancy Bennett, Baljit Singh Ahluwalia
Outlaws II	Liz Lyons, Mark Buciteni
Speeders	Kate Barlow, Nick Money
Thunder	<i>Alicia Mangiafico</i> (COL), Luis Arrevillagas

All names appear exactly as written on scoresheets

won 21-19, their 4th win in 5 meetings.:

Falcons at Mavericks II (4, AG) First ever meeting

Freeze at Drizzle (3, AR) The Zeddiest fixture in the calendar ended in a 17-11 win for Drizzle, in their first ever meeting.

Hackers at Moorkats (2, MG) Hackers won 25-16 in their first ever meeting.

Wildcats at Barflies (1, BA) Barflies won 23-11, a win which remains their only victory this season. Wildcats lead the series 2-1.



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Results and standings Week 15 - 28/29 July

Division 1

GREENSOX 3 6 0 0 3 5 0 17
DODGERS 1 0 4 0 0 0 0 4

Ump: Mike Davies; Pitch 4
HR GRX Nathan Gulam

MAYHEM 2 0 0 1 1 0 3 7
MAVERICKS 1 4 6 0 3 0 x 14

Ump: Harry Somers; Pitch 5
HR MAV Pete Nightingale

OUTLAWS 9 2 4 7 8 30
MEERKATS 0 0 4 2 1 7

Ump: Alan Green; Pitch 6; RAR
Hrs OUT Peter Buckley 2, Nancy Bennett

THUNDER 0 5 8 5 1 1 0 20
LIONS 4 0 0 1 2 4 1 12

Ump: Ian Williams; Pitch 9
Hrs THU Benkei Johnson, Guy Hamer, Luis Arrevillagas 2, *Alicia Mangiafico* (COL); **LIO** Michelle Collier, Chris Fulton

Division 2

BULLFROGS 0 0 5 0 4 1 0 10
LIGHTNING 2 1 3 0 2 5 x 13

Ump: Breándan MacGabhann; Pitch 7
HR LIG Paul Finney

SPEEDERS 1 1 3 0 6 0 5 16
OUTLAWS II 2 1 0 0 0 1 0 4

Ump: Dave Dean; Pitch 3
Hrs SPE Nick Money, Chris Lennon, Kate Barlow

CAMELS 0 0 1 1 1 0 9 12
MUTINEERS 4 0 3 0 0 2 1 10

Ump: Tony La Fave; Pitch 2
HR MUT Suchit Desai

Divisions 3 & 4

All games postponed due to persistent rain

Home runs

Division 1 Female

5 - Kath Mullins (GRX)
 4 - Nancy Bennett (OUT)
 3 - Ellie Buckley (OUT), Areej Elmaazi (THU, 1GS)
 2 - Michelle Collier (LIO), Natalie Leyland (GRX), Jade Shaw (LIO)
 1 - Andrea Dee (MAV), Linni Mitchell (MHM, GS), Vic O'Farrell (GRX), Sian Payne (THU)

Division 1 Male

11 - Danny Gunn (GRX)
 5 - Benkei Johnson (THU), Pete

	P	W	T	L	F	RS	RC	Pct	GB
Division 1									
▶ Greensox	13	12	0	1	0	255	112	.923	-
▶ Lions	13	9	0	4	0	168	116	.692	3
▶ Thunder	13	8	0	5	0	194	130	.615	4
▶ Mavericks	13	7	0	6	0	167	170	.538	5
▶ Outlaws	13	7	0	6	0	172	144	.538	5
▶ Dodgers	13	5	0	8	0	118	149	.385	7
▶ Mayhem	13	3	0	1	0	111	194	.231	9
▶ Meerkats	13	1	0	1	0	91	261	.077	11
Mavericks above Outlaws on head-to-heads									
Division 2									
▶ Mutineers	11	8	0	3	0	183	102	.727	-
▲ Camels	11	7	0	4	0	157	153	.636	1
▼ Bullfrogs	12	7	0	4	1	188	150	.583	1 ⁵ / ₆
▲ Lightning	11	6	0	5	0	139	127	.545	2
▼ Speeders	11	6	0	5	0	152	172	.545	2
▶ Tigers	11	4	0	7	0	149	173	.364	4
▶ Outlaws II	11	1	0	1	0	118	209	.091	7

Nightingale (MAV, 1GS)
 4 - Luis Arrevillagas (THU), Pete Buckley (OUT), Andy Grose (THU), Nathan Gulam (GRX), Tyler Lappage (DOD)

3 - Dave Collins (OUT), Elieser Dorronsoro (MAV), Chris Fulton (LIO), Kris Hadwin (LIO), Paul Kidley (GRX), Laurence Pearmain (MAV, 1GS), Andy Rawson (GRX)

2 - Baljit Ahluwalia (OUT, 2GS), David Dyson (DOD), Charles Everitt (LIO), Mark Griffin (THU), Shane Stark (GRX), Ed Watkinson (LIO)

1 - Melvin Beltre (DOD), Anthony Garcia-Reyes (MHM), Guy Hamer (THU), Mark Hayward (MKT), Simon Hepburn (DOD), Wendell Jones (MAV), Dave Leverton (THU), Andi Marshall (MHM), Gordon Milson (LIO), Stuart Roscoe (OUT), Mark Sanders (GRX)

Division 2 Female

3 - Claire Higgs (CAM)
 2 - Kate Barlow (SPE), Liz Lyon (OU2)

1 - Jacquelyn Choudhury (OU2), Jen Faloona (BUL, GS), Christine Hunter (BUL), Becci Wadeson (LIG), Maz Yung (MUT)

Division 2 Male

12 - Jo Grantham (MUT)
 11 - Tom Atkinson (CAM, 1GS)
 6 - Adam Faloona (BUL), Mike Gaskell (TIG), Gary Moors (MUT)
 5 - Chris Thompson (OU2)
 4 - Paul Finney (LIG), Richard Goar (OU2), Chris Lennon (SPE, 1GS), Nick Money (SPE)

3 - Tom Munro (LIG), Zac Rayson (SPE), James Wooderson (CAM)
 2 - Steve Bennett (LIG), Anthony Boffey (CAM), Suchit Desai (MUT), Jeremy Fothergill (BUL, 1GS), Ali Hallsworth (MUT), Rolf Herbert (OU2), Duncan Jones (MUT), Steve Kellett (BUL), Michael Miah (TIG), Jonny Reuben (BUL)

1 - Stuart Collier (SPE), Ed Covington (TIG), Mark Humphreys (CAM), Chris Lennon (SPE), James Marshall (LIG), Sam Taylor (TIG)